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To all Members of American Iris Society.

Dear Member: For many years past we have grown and sold irises here on the Pacific Coast. Last season we issued an attractive small catalog of irises and lilacs, confining our activities largely to local and nearby trade. Sales have always kept our not too large stock rather limited, and this past month we issued and advertised a pre-season iris list, the resulting orders from which almost cleaned us out. So we cannot issue a catalogue this season as we had planned to do.

Now, instead of trying to sell you something, we are going to assume the unusual role of buyer, and in view of this, we are asking all members of the American Iris Society who chance to have surplus rhizomes of the following irises, to get in touch with us at once, stating just how many you have to dispose of, and the price per each.

We want to buy: *Bruno, Cardinal, Germaine Perthuis, Geo. Tribolet, Mme. Cecile Bouscant, Majestic, Mrs. Valery West, Souv. de Leotitia Michaud, Michelline Charraire, Mary Gibson, Pioneer, Tenebrae, Swazi, Dolly Madison.*

Iris lovers who have built up fine private collections and have a surplus of any of the above items, for delivery sometime in July or August, and those who have invested in a plant of some of the most expensive varieties and would gladly divide their plants to recover a part of their investment, are invited to write to us at once, as we will pay cash for these as long as we can afford to accumulate them. One thing must be born in mind, and that is that prices will have to be low. In the first place all commercial growers allow a considerable discount to each other, then there are some varieties which do not sell rapidly, and have to be carried at the expense of those which do, and finally, while we are doing this in a spirit of cooperation, and are glad to give amateurs this chance to turn their surplus into cash, we must realize a profit for ourselves out of our venture. So if you expect us to buy, please make us an offer that we can afford to accept.



"SURPRISE" (Cooley 1928)

The Iris pictured above is "SURPRISE," our own introduction of 1928 and the first new Iris to come from the Pacific Northwest in the past three or four years. It is a seedling of Mme. Gaudichau, but is entirely different in color, being a soft shade of pale blue and heliotrope, with a most fiery orange beard on a brown haft. The individual flowers are of perfect shape, as the picture reveals, and the stems tower to a height of four feet and over. If you are after new things of merit, and are looking for introductions with all good points, including large blooms, fine substance, tall stems with wide branching habit, and plenty of flowers, (9-11 to the stalk) and with the vigorous and hardy habits of Souv. de Madame Gaudichau, you should add "Surprise" to your collection. The price is again \$20. for good strong rhizomes, same as last season. Visitors to the gardens of Berry, in Redlands, Schriener in St. Paul, Quality Gardens at Freeport, Bonnewitz at Van Wert, and Salbach at Berkeley, should ask to see it.

Two additional seedlings may be introduced this summer. Write for particulars if you are interested in acquiring the new things as soon as they are offered.

Three New Shrubs

Spirea Trichocarpa. A late flowering sort from the mountains of Korea. Becomes a fountain-like mass of creamy white almost a month after the familiar "bridal wreath" has passed. Large 3-foot field grown bushes, \$1.00 each, six for \$5.00.

Cotoneaster Hupehensis. One of the newest and finest of this family, bearing a beautiful crop of white blossoms in summer and abundant red fruits in autumn. Hardy in Massachusetts. Medium sized field grown plants, \$1.50 each.

Kolkwitzia Amabilis. Known also as the Beautybush. During the month of June this rare plant becomes a great mound of pink flowers, suggestive of small snapdragons. Being very new to American gardens, but few mature specimens are to be seen as yet in this country. Be among the first to include it in your planting. My plants of this are extra fine—2 to 3 feet, and with a great mass of fibrous roots. About 25 to spare at \$2.50 each.

French Hybrid Lilacs

On Own Roots

Charles Joly. Crimson purple with silvery reverse. Double flowers, vigorous in growth. \$2.00.

Eduard Andre. Clear rose, with deep rose buds. Double \$2.

Emile Gentil. Double, bright cobalt blue. Extra fine bushes of this, tho they are budded on privet. \$2.50.

Mme. Antoine Buchner. Soft rosy mauve, unopened buds of distinct reddish tone. This is a lovely thing. \$3.00.

Mme. Casimer Perier. Fine double creamy white. \$2.00.

Madame Lemoine. Very floriferous, double white. \$2.00.

President Grevy. Soft blue, of tremendous size. My plants of this and the preceding are especially large. \$2.00.

Vivian Morel. Elongated truss of large double, clear bluish lilac, with purple buds. Tall plants. \$2.00.

Unnamed French Hybrids. Large single white, double soft pink, and a double lilac rose. Husky own root plants, any one for \$1.50 or the three for \$4.00.

All items on this page are strong, well grown specimens. If for spring delivery, order immediately, as our season is quite early. Cash with order, shipment by express collect.

A New Race of Lilacs

The Klager American Hybrids are the result of twenty years of constant work and study on the part of their originator, Miss Hulda Klager of Woodland, Washington.

Mr. Bonnewitz, of Van Wert, Ohio, viewed them in flower last season, and declared them to be marvels of the horticultural world. He is a recognized authority on horticultural subjects, and a world traveler who has seen the finest collections of lilacs in existence.

Mr. Adolph Meyer of the Pacific Landscape Gardeners, worked for many years with the Lemoines of Nancy, France, during the period in which they were producing most of the French Hybrid Lilacs now offered in this country. Mr. Meyer stated that with the Klager productions available, it will no longer be necessary to look abroad for the finest in Hybrid Lilacs.

Stocks are too limited to offer in quantity this spring, but anyone interested in acquiring them at this time may get particulars by writing me at once.

**DO YOU HAVE
IRIS MORNING
SPLENDOR?**

If not, you should surely get it this year. Rated at 91 both as a garden and exhibition variety, it stands out as the finest and most popular iris of American introduction.

We have a wonderful stock of this, and would be glad to acquaint you with Pacific Coast Iris roots by sending you a root of this at a most reasonable price. \$1.75, 4 for \$5.00 post paid.

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